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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Chief, Interdepartmental Affairs Staff, OPP

SUBJECT: Results of Today's Discussions with SSCI Staff Director  
Rob Simmons Regarding Your Counterintelligence Testimony

1. The following is a summary of the points made by Rob Simmons during our meetings this morning regarding your testimony before the Chafee Subcommittee. The central question to be addressed is "Is there a coordinated national counterintelligence program? If we do have one, how can we make it better? If there is not, why isn't there and what should we do about it?" Simmons emphasized that the Subcommittee has no preconceived notions regarding what the national counterintelligence program should be. Basically they are after what exists and is it adequate to do the job.

2. The Committee is also interested, as he indicated, in a description of the threat in general terms. Senator Jackson for one may wish to dwell on this topic, particularly as it regards the transfer of critical technology. Simmons indicated, however, that a description of the threat should be used as a backdrop and not made the main focus of the presentation.

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[REDACTED] In order to respond to some of these potential questions, however, you may wish to take along some of your experts from the DDO, OGC, and Community Counterintelligence Staff. Rob Simmons assures me, however, that at this point Chafee's intent is to obtain a broad appreciation for where we are in our structure and capabilities for counterintelligence activities and will consider scheduling follow-on hearings if members of the Subcommittee wish to get into more detail on specifics.

4. Only you, Judge Webster, and Attorney General Smith have been invited to testify on Wednesday. The Subcommittee leaves it up to you three to decide how you wish to coordinate your comments. Senator Chafee may at a later time invite the military intelligence services to present testimony on their own counterintelligence activities.

25X1 5. Per your request, I am attempting to redraft your testimony. I have contacted [REDACTED] to get more data on the question of the professionalism of our counterintelligence cadre. [REDACTED] meanwhile, is pulling together charts depicting the national counter-

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intelligence structure (draft charts attached). I will have a revised draft available for you tomorrow as early as possible and would appreciate any feedback from your meeting this afternoon with Judge Webster. Obviously some of the questions to be raised by the Subcommittee can be better answered by the Bureau.

6. In addition to the materials already mentioned, [redacted] is providing the Terms of Reference of the new threat study, and [redacted] will provide the study you requested on Soviet presence in Allied countries and what we are doing to minimize it.

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